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New City Manager is Welcomed to Fairmont

Fairmont's new City Manager, Valerie Means, starts a new chapter

FAIRMONT, WV- June 3, 2019- The City of Fairmont welcomed its new City Manager, Valerie Means, today. Fairmont's first female to permanently hold the position of City Manager kicked off her first day getting to know her staff and learning more about The Friendly City. Mrs. Means comes to Fairmont from Hagerstown, Maryland where she served as the City Administrator for almost 4 years. Prior to her time in Hagerstown she served as the City Manager in Weirton, West Virginia.

The community can expect to see their new City Manager out in the City in the coming months as she works on getting an in-depth look at her new home. "I am looking forward to working with our Mayor, City Council, staff, business owners, and residents to highlight all the extraordinary things about this city and continue to make improvements for the betterment of Fairmont," Mrs. Means said.

She will be working with the Mayor and Council and learning what their goals are for the City. Mayor Brad Merrifield said, "City Council and I are excited that a 'Fairmont First' initiative can now begin. Having a strong person in the City Manager position was the missing piece to our puzzle and now that she is here we can move things forward and get to work."

Being able to come back to West Virginia is something Mrs. Means has looked forward to and Fairmont was just the right fit. "There is so much opportunity here and I am excited to be in Fairmont, back in West Virginia, and being able to watch the Steelers is an added bonus," she said. Her ties to West Virginia have also made the Mayor excited for her to begin. "I know she will be able to hit the ground running, especially because she is a West Virginian so she knows our culture and has considerable professional experience in this type of position. It is time for us to take advantage of the vast number of strengths and opportunities that we have here in Fairmont and I know she can help lead the way," Mayor Merrifield said.

Mrs. Means' first council meeting will be June 11th.

Photo Attached.

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Fairmont's new City Manager, Valerie Means, signs her contract on her first day as City Manager.